Doubling of Delhi-Lucknow Rail Line

†1598. SHRI MOHD. AZAM KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the work regarding doubling of Delhi to Lucknow *via* Muradabad rail line would be completed, for which an assurance had been given fifty years ago; and

(b) the number of trains likely to be enhanced after completion of the above project; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) (i) Delhi-Ghaziabad-Dasna and Moradabad-Lucknow are already double line sections. Doubling work between Dasna to Hapur has been completed and is being commissioned shortly.

(ii) The work of doubling between Moradabad and Amroha is in progress and an amount of Rs. 15 crores has been proposed in the Railway Budget 2001-02 for this work. Doubling work between Amorha-Kankather has also been taken up and an amount of Rs. 10 crores has been proposed in the Railway Budget 2001-02. Taking up of doubling of the remaining portion between Hapur-Kankather will be considered depending on availability of resources and progress of ongoing works.

(b) Number of trains to be run on the Delhi-Lucknow route after its doubling will depend upon the requirements of the system at the time when the doubling work is completed.

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